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| 2005 Wisconsin Act 348 [2005 Assembly Bill 454] | Potlucks |
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2005 Wisconsin Act 348 creates an exception to the statutory definition of “restaurant” for a potluck event. Under the statutes, restaurants are generally subject to regulation by the Department of Health and Family Services and local health departments, with certain exceptions.

The term “potluck event” is defined in the Act as an event that meets all of the following three criteria:

- Attendees provide food and beverages to be shared and consumed at the event.
- No compensation is provided to any person who conducts or assists in providing the event or who provides food and beverages, and no compensation is paid by any person for consumption of food or beverages.
- The event is sponsored by a church; religious, fraternal, youth, or patriotic organization or service club; civic organization; parent-teacher organization; senior citizen center or organization; or adult day care center.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on May 3, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.